

## **CONNECTICUT BOXING COMMISSION**

Meeting held at Department of Public Safety Headquarters  
Room 348  
Middletown, Connecticut  
**March 27, 2008**

**Members Present:** A. James Krayske, Jr. - Chairman  
Larry Perosino  
Jeffrey Dressler  
William F. Pavia  
Larry Pelletier

**Members Absent:** William H. Carey III  
Manuel M. Leibert  
Mark Sinatra  
Michael Stergio

**Vacancies:** None

**Commission Counsel:** None

**DPS Staff:** TFC. Michael Kostrzewa- SLFU/ Boxing Administrator  
TFC. Seth Mancini, Esq.- Commissioner's Staff/Legal Affairs  
Jeanette Zaleski - SLFU / Secretary for Boxing Commission

**Public Present:** Dominic Pavia

**Note:** Pursuant to Public Act 06-187 (effective 10/01/2006 and codified in C.G.S. Chapter 532a, Section 29-143i), the administrative functions of the Connecticut Boxing Commission (formerly the Connecticut Boxing Promotion Commission) are carried out by the Department of Public Safety. For information, contact TFC. Michael Kostrzewa at 860-685-8329.

## **I. COMMISSION MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Meeting of Connecticut Boxing Commission called to order by Chairman A. James Krayeske, Jr. at 1:12 pm. Roll called: five members present, four absent.

## **II. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 23, 2008 MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes of January 23, 2008 meeting unanimously approved by Commission members present.

## **III. OLD BUSINESS**

### Middlesex Chamber of Commerce

Chairman Krayeske stated the Chamber of Commerce breakfast featuring Connecticut boxers has been put on hold. Chairman Krayeske explained there have been difficulties in getting several Connecticut professional boxers together at one time because of their training /event schedules. Chamber of Commerce has left the door open for a future breakfast.

### Statutes and Regulation Sub-Committee Review

The Sub-Committee members had no updates for the commission meeting. Sub-Committee Chair Pelletier stated they are still reviewing, documenting, and proposing possible changes to current CT General Statutes and Regulations. Chair Pelletier expressed a need for more participation by the Commission members. First Sub-Committee meeting was scheduled for March 4, 2008 at 4:30pm; 84 Cedar Street, Hartford, CT. Chairman Pelletier and Attorney Dressler were the only two present. The next Sub-Committee meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2008 at 84 Cedar Street, Hartford, CT at 4:30pm.

### Willie Pep Memorial

No new update on this project.

### Mixed Martial Arts

Chairman Krayeske and Commission Member Manny Leibert have been doing research on mixed martial art events in other states. They have found many organizations in other states that hold these events. The Commission members present made a motion as a Commission to get an opinion from the Attorney General's office on the legality of mixed martial in Connecticut.

#### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

TFC. Kostrzewa commented on the possibility of an upcoming professional event in May of 2008.

DPS- Boxing Regulation has and continues to work with USA Boxing-CT and their the amateur programs and facilities throughout the state to gain full compliance with Connecticut General Statutes and Regulations of CT State Agencies regarding amateur boxing. The Department of Public Safety will continue to address some issues with several amateur programs and facilities to ensure consistent reporting and health and safety guidelines are in compliance.

#### **V. Comments from Commission Members, DPS Staff and/or Public**

Chairman Krayske reported that he and several other Commission members attended a public hearing of the CT Legislature's Commerce Committee on March 11, 2008 in support of Raised Bill No. 5881- An Act Concerning Financial Assistance for Amateur Boxing. This legislative bill was proposed in an effort to attract USA/Olympic boxing to establish a regional headquarters in Connecticut. Several commission members reportedly testified before the committee.

#### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Krayske adjourned the meeting at 2:50pm

**NEXT MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2008 AT 1:00PM  
DPS HEADQUARTERS  
MIDDLETOWN, CT**